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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**Via Overnight Mail**

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Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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**RE: BellSouth's Entry Into Long Distance Service in Tennessee Pursuant to  
Section 271 of the Telecom Act of 1996; Docket No. 97-00309**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition of ITC^DeltaCom to Intervene in the above-referenced docket.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt by date-stamping the additional copy labeled "Return Receipt" and returning to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope which is enclosed.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (256) 382-3856.

Sincerely,

**ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
d/b/a ITC^DELTACOM**



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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s entry into Long Distance (InterLATA) service in Tennessee pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 )  
Docket No. 97-00309 )  
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**PETITION OF ITC^DELTA COM  
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom ("ITC^DeltaCom") pursuant to the T.C.A. §4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") to grant them leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and to participate as its interest may appear. In support of its Petition, ITC^DeltaCom states as follows:

1. ITC^DeltaCom is a competitive local exchange carrier with its corporate headquarters located at 1791 O.G. Skinner Drive, West Point, Georgia 31833. ITC^DeltaCom is duly qualified to do business in Tennessee and hold certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing them to provide interLATA and interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee

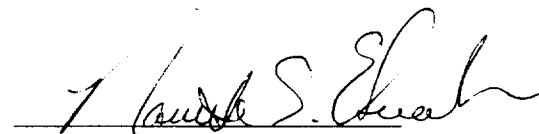
2. ITC^DeltaCom, as a competitive local exchange carrier, must utilize the operations support systems of incumbent local exchange carriers in order to provide local service. As such, ITC^DeltaCom's substantial interests will be affected by the outcome in this proceeding.

3. No party will be prejudiced by allowing this intervention whereas ITC^DeltaCom's rights and interests may be substantially affected by decisions and orders by the TRA pursuant to this proceeding.

4. No other party can adequately represent ITC^DeltaCom's interests.

**WHEREFORE**, ITC^DeltaCom respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Petition to Intervene allowing ITC^DeltaCom to participate fully as a party of record including the right to present testimony and exhibits, cross-examine witnesses, and file briefs.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have served copies of the Petition of ITC^DeltaCom for Leave to Intervene upon the following parties of record by first class mail, this 7th day of August, 2001.

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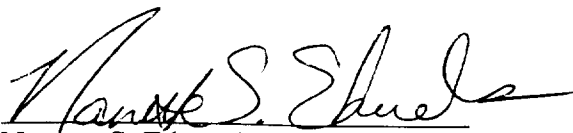
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